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SUBJ: IRISH REACTION TO BRITISH SEABED CLAIM

1. IRISH GOVT'T AND PRESS HAVE REACTED SHARPLY TO BRITISH CONTINENTAL SHELF ORDER, 1974 (DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL AREAS), WHICH WAS ISSUED SEPTEMBER 6 AND WHICH REPORTEDLY LAYS CLAIM TO SOME 52,000 SQUARE MILES OF CONTINENTAL SHELF WEST OF SCOTLAND. AREA IN QUESTION INCLUDES SMALL UNINHABITED ISLAND OF ROCKALL WHICH IS CLAIMED BY UK. IRISH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EVENING SEPT 9 ISSUED STATEMENT WHICH REJECTS BRITISH SEABED CLAIM AND ASSERTS THAT SEABED IN QUESTION FALLS UNDER IRISH JURISDICTION. MUCH OF PRESS COVERAGE FOCUSES ON ROCKALL AND ITS STATUS -- IN LOS CONTEXT -- AS AN UNINHABITED ISLAND. ONE PRESS REPORT QUOTED BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN AS STATING THAT BRITISH CLAIM TO SEABED IS BASED ON ITS STATUS AS EXTENSION OF SCOTTISH COAST AND NOT ON UK "OWNERSHIP" OF ROCKALL.

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WM POSSIBILITY OF OIL AND GAS IN THE AREA HAS, OF COURSE,

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INTENSIFIED INTEREST IN WHO MAY EXPLOIT IT. IN ADDITION,
BRITISH CLAIM HAS AROUSED APPREHENSION OVER IMPLICATIONS
FOR FISHING RIGHTS IN ROCKHALL AREA. IRISH DO NOT AT
PRESENT FISH THE AREA, BUT THERE ARE PLANS TO DO SO.

3. PRESS PREDICTS THAT MATTER OF CLAIM OVER THIS SEABED AREA
WILL MOST CERTAINLY BE RAISED WHEN PRIME MINISTER COSGRAVE,
ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD, MEETS WITH PRIME
MINISTER WILSON SEPTEMBER 11.
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